

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE:** 23 January 2007

**PLACE:** 1 Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI 02908

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Messrs.: Carter and Pilz  
Ms. Bradford, Ms. Sparks and Ms. Votta

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Pagliarini

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Irene Mowry, Administrative Assistant  
Attorney Thomas Palombo  
Peter Dennehy, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

**PREPARED BY:** Irene Mowry

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board**

Board members reviewed the regular and executive minutes of the 15 November 2006 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Pilz and seconded by Ms. Bradford. All members present

**approved motion.**

## **Executive Session**

**Mr. Pilz moved to convene into executive session at 5:55 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws, § 42-46-5(a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and § 42-46-5(a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sparks and approved.**

**Chairman Carter made a recommendation to Board members to approve the corporate COA application for Hali Beckman, Ltd. Motion was made by Ms. Bradford to approve the corporate COA application for Hali Beckman, Ltd. with a letter of acceptance that reiterates the Board's deliberations over the past two months regarding issues of concern. Motion was seconded by Ms. Votta and approved by all members present.**

**Mr. Pilz moved to adjourn from executive session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-4. Ms. Sparks seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Mr. Pilz moved to seal the executive session and record the votes taken in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sparks and approved.**

**Mr. Pilz moved pursuant to RI General Laws § 42-46-4 that the Board defer disclosure of all votes in executive session until such time as such disclosure would not jeopardize any strategy, negotiation, or investigation undertaken pursuant to RI General Laws § 42-46-5(a). Ms. Sparks seconded and motion was approved unanimously.**

## **Old Business**

**Ms. Mowry informed Board members that DEM's Freshwater Wetlands Draft Rules and Regulations are still not available for review.**

## **New Business**

**The Massachusetts Board of Landscape Architects responded to our letter of November 17, 2007 regarding their requirement that all reciprocity candidates be required to take the Massachusetts Plant and Coastal Regulations exam. Although the Massachusetts Board agrees with us that the smaller section of their state exam which focuses on plant identification may be unnecessary for Rhode Island reciprocity candidates, passing the portions of the exam that cover Massachusetts zoning, wetland, environmental and coastal laws and regulations is currently required for all landscape architects practicing in Massachusetts, including both new licensure candidates and reciprocity candidates.**

**Board members stated that they would continue to review reciprocity applications in their usual way, and based upon their findings, determine whether an applicant is required to take the RI State Exam.**

## **Applications**

**Board members reviewed the application package and Clarb Certification Record for California reciprocity candidate Richard N. Ciardella. Based upon their findings, it is a decision of the Board that Mr. Ciardella be required to take the RI State Exam which is scheduled to be offered on June 12, 2007.**

**Motion was made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Votta and approved by all members present to approve the reciprocity application for Gregory Drake for licensure in Rhode Island.**

**Board members approved a request from Mara Robinson for retake of Section E of the LARE, providing that proof is submitted prior to June 1, 2007 verifying that she has obtained continuing education in this subject matter.**

**Members of the Board also reviewed correspondence received from Ann Gilson, an LARE candidate requesting clarification of the Board's requirement for fulfillment of continuing education in any section of the LARE failed three (3) or more times. Board members will address**

**this issue in writing listing various options past candidates have taken to fulfill this requirement.**

## **COA's**

**Motion was made by Mr. Pilz and seconded by Ms. Bradford to approve the corporate COA application for Thalmann Engineering Co., Inc. Motion was approved by all members present.**

**Corporate COA application for Hali Beckman, Ltd. was approved with a motion in Executive Session.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion made by Chair Carter, seconded by Ms. Bradford and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled Wednesday, February 21, 2007.**